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SUBJ: OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS WITH UPDK

1. IN WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION OF SERIES OF OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS WITH UPDK ON SEPTEMBER 6, AMBASSADOR IVANOV GAVE THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POSED BY ADMIN COUNSELOR.

2. IVANOV WAS WILLING TO RECEIVE ANOTHER REQUEST FOR PLAY AREA FOR CHILDREN BEHIND THE EMBASSY BUT WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT MOSSOVIET WOULD AGREE, SINCE CONSTRUCTION WORK ON NEW EMBASSY SITE (LEVELING OF GROUND, DEMOLITION OF SCHOOL BUILDING AND INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES) IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN LAST QUARTER OF 1973. WHEN ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE USE FOR A TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND OF A SMALL AREA PLANNED AS ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN PRESENT EMBASSY GROUNDS AND FUTURE EMBASSY SITE, IVANOV PROFESSED UNFAMILIARITY WITH DETAILS BUT AGREED TO TRANSMIT NEW EMBASSY REQUEST TO MOSSOVIET. HE DID NOT APPEAR OPTIMISTIC THAT REQUEST WOULD BE GRANTED.

3. IVANOV EXPRESSED REGRET OVER NECESSITY FOR WEEK'S DELAY IN OPENING OF ANGLO-AMERICAN SCHOOL BECAUSE OF SEWAGE PROBLEM, BUT SAID THIS WAS AN UNEXPECTED EVENT AND HE WOULD SEE THAT WORK WOULD CONTINUE SO THAT SCHOOL COULD OPEN SEPTEMBER 10.

4. ALTHOUGH REMINDED THAT WE HAD REQUESTED AS EARLY AS MAY 21 THIS YEAR THAT REPAIR OF THE FACADE AT SPASO BE COMPLETED
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AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AS WELL AS SUBSEQUENT EMBASSY REQUESTS

AND UPDK PROMISES, IVANOV SAID IT WAS NOW IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET EARLIER COMMITMENT AND START WORK THIS YEAR BECAUSE FREEZING WEATHER IS NOW LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY. IVANOV SAID SOME WORK HAD BEEN DONE LAST YEAR PRIOR TO NIXON VISIT, AND REFUSED TO ENTERTAIN FURTHER DISCUSSION OF STARTING OR COMPLETING WORK THIS YEAR. ADMIN COUNSELOR EXPRESSED PARTICULAR REGRET AT THIS DEVELOPMENT, NOTING THAT IT HAD BEEN OUR HOPE, AND WE ASSUMED SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S WISH, TO HAVE THE RESIDENCE IN GOOD CONDITION WHEN THE NEW AMBASSADOR ARRIVED, COUNSELOR TOLD IVANOV HIS POSITION WOULD BE REPORTED TO THE CHARGE.

5. IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST THAT TWO OUTSTANDING ITEMS IN CONNECTION WITH COMMERCIAL OFFICE BE RESOLVED PRIOR TO SECRETARY SHULTZ'S VISIT, IVANOV SAID THE MATTER OF PARKING SPACE AND LANDSCAPING IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING HAD BEEN REFERRED TO MOSSOVIET FOR RESOLUTION. HE WAS UNABLE TO PREDICT WHEN DECISION WOULD BE REACHED, BUT NOTED THAT SOVIET GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO TURN

OVER THE BUILDING BY SEPTEMBER 11 TO EMBASSY SO INTERIOR RENOVATION COULD BEGIN AFTER THAT DATE. IVANOV WAS ADVISED THAT AMERICAN AND AUSTRIAN ARCHITECTS WERE ARRIVING SEPTEMBER 8 TO PLAN INTERIOR DESIGN.

6. IVANOV AGREED TO SEE THAT OUR LONG-STANDING REQUESTS WERE EXPEDITED FOR REPLACEMENT OF CERTAIN KEY LOCAL SOVIET EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE RETIRED OR RESIGNED.

7. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY AS TO PRECISE TIME LENINSKIJ 83 WOULD BE COMPLETED, IVANOV SAID WORK WAS PROGRESSING ON SCHEDULE BUT HE DID NOT HAVE EXACT DATES AT HAND. IN SUBSEQUENT PHONE CALL, RESPONSIBLE ENGINEER INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT INITIAL APARTMENTS WOULD BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY BY END OF OCTOBER AND ALL AVAILABLE BY CHRISTMAS. IVANOV ALSO TOOK NOTE THAT OUR REQUEST FOR ESTIMATE OF COST OF INSTALLING ELECTRIC CABLE IN APARTMENTS HAD NOT BEEN ANSWERED, BUT GAVE ASSURANCES THAT WORK WOULD CONTINUE EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE NOT SIGNED FORMAL CONTRACT AND CANNOT SIGN CONTRACT UNTIL WE RECEIVE FIRM PRICE FOR ALL WORK CURRENTLY ENVISAGED.

8. IN RESPONSE TO DISCUSSION OF PERENNIAL PROBLEM OF STORAGE
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SPACE, IVANOV REITERATED THAT NEW WAREHOUSE WOULD BE FOUND CLOSER TO THE EMBASSY BY THE END OF THE YEAR AND AGREED TO ENTERTAIN A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL SPACE IN LIGHT OF EXPANSION OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

9. ON THE PROBLEM OF UTILIZATION OF RUBLES ACQUIRED FROM CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS, IVANOV TOOK NOTE OF OUR AS YET UNANSWERED LETTER OF AUGUST 20, 1973, TO CHAIRMAN OF BANK OF

FOREIGN TRADE REQUESTING THAT THE EMBASSY BE ALLOWED TO DEPOSIT
SUCH RUBLES IN A NON-CONVERTIBLE ACCOUNT TO BE USED FOR EMBASSY
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